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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS

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1. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT STANDARD LANGUAGE FOR INDIAN TECHNICAL EXCHANGE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD IS SINCE WE DO NOT AS YET HAVE ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT EXAMPLES.
 2. THE USAEC HAS MAINTAINED AN EXTENSIVE LITERATURE EXCHANGE WITH THE GOI AEC FOR YEARS, BUT THIS MATERIAL IS NOT FORWARDED THROUGH THE EMBASSY. HENCE THE AEC MAY BE IN A GOOD POSITION TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION. PLEASE ADVISE.
 3. THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FROM FRIENDS COPIES OF A NUMBER OF INDIAN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (REF A) WHOSE LANGUAGE IS OF A GENERAL UMBRELLA NATURE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ARGENTINA-INDIA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT (REF B). THESE UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS REFER TO PLANNED SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS WHICH SHOULD CONTAIN MORE SPECIFIC PERTINENT CONDITIONS.
 4. ASSUMING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AEC DOES NOT ALREADY
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HAVE A MCOPY, AND SINCE WE DO NOT PLAN TO CONTACT THE GOI ON

ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS UNTIL YOUR INTERAGENCY REVIEW IS COMPLETED, WE ASKED THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE FOR A COPY OF THE FRG-GOI AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE RESEARCH (COPY POUCHED TO DEPT). THIS TOO, TURNED OUT TO BE AN UMBRELLA TYPE GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH NO SPECIFIC SAFEGUARD LANGUAGE, BUT REPEATED REFERENCES TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CASES TO BE MADE LATER.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE WOULD NOT READ MUCH INTO THE ABSENCE OF SAFEGUARDS FROM THE ARGENTINE AGREEMENT EXCEPT THAT PERHAPS WHEN THE GOI DOES, IT HAVE TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO SAFEGUARDS IN UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNER, IT APPARENTLY PREFERS NOT TO. WE WOULD NOTE (A) THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THE INDIANS DISCRETION NOT TO PROVIDE ANY "SECRET" INFORMATION AND (B) THE LEASE OR TRANSFER OF "MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT" WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SPECIFIC FUTURE AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED, AND THIS ALSO LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN TO "SAFEGUARDS" IN SUCH FUTURE AGREEMENTS.

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